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MOTIFS

RESPONSE TO REQUIRMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004.

- X Applicants request an extension of time for 4 months from September 20, 2004 to January 20, 2005. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$1590 fee.
- X Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 20, 2004 with an initial response due on or before September 20, 2004. Accordingly, applicants request an extension of time in which to respond and the appropriate fees accompany this response.

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.